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THE SPANISH PRESS GAVE HEAVY NEWS AND EDITORIAL COVERAGE TO YESTERDAY'S MILITARY REBELLION IN PORTUGAL. FOLLOWING ARE QUOTES FROM TWO REPRESENTATIVE EDITORIALS:

ABC (MONARCHIST), MADRID: "THE PORTUGUESE COUP D' ETAT -- WHATEVER THE FINAL ATTITUDE OF THE ARMED FORCES AS A WHOLE MAY BE -- IS THE OBVIOUS ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARY OUTCOME OF A POLITICAL PROCESS DEFINED BY THE FAILURE OF CONTINUITY AND THE SUCCESS OF "CONTINUISM".

"CAETANO HAS BEEN OUSTED FOR HAVING FAILED TO DEVELOP CONTINUITY; AND THE SALAZAR DIEHARDS HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT AFTER CLAIMING TO HAVE WON A VICTORY AGAINST CAETANO THAT WAS NOT REALLY WON. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE INTELLIGENT LOYALTY IMPOSSIBLE. THE LOYALTY THAT SALAZARIST PRICIPLES NEEDED TO CONTINUE TO INSPIRE PORTUGUESE LIFE."

YA (ROMAN CATHOLIC), MADRID: " WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN FORESEEN HAS HAPPENED IN PORTUGAL...

"WHAT WE WISH IS THAT PORTUGAL COMES OUT OF THE CRISIS WITHOUT CIVIL MISHAPS...

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"THE IMPORTANT THING ABOVE ALL ELSE IS THAT THE NEW

PORTUGUESE GOVT MAY ACHIEVE AS ITS MAIN
OBJECTIVE THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WITHIN A FREE
SYSTEM." ITEM RYLANCE

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